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C O R R E C T E D C O P Y (ADD E.O. TAGS AND SUBJ)

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR,FC

SUBJ: VIENNA MEETING OF STATES SUCCESSION WITH  
RESPECT TO TREATIES

1. DURING CONVERSATION FEB 28 WITH TAJ AL-SIR HAMZA, DIRECTOR LEGAL AFFAIRS, MINFOREIGN AFFAIRS (MFA), LATTER VOLUNTEERED TO DCM THAT UAEG WAS VERY INTERESTED IN FORTHCOMING INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON SUBJECT OF STATES SUCCESSION WITH RESPECT TO TREATIES TO BE HELD IN VIENNA IN APRIL. SUBJECT CAME UP IN CONTEXT TO DIFFICULTY WITH UAEG HAS IN COVERING SUCH MEETINGS EVEN WHEN THEY ARE OF INTEREST (E.G. EVENSON GROUP LOS MEETING IN GENEVA), BUT IN THIS CASE UAE WILL DEFINITELY BE REPRESENTED, BOTH BY SOMEONE FROM ITS EMBASSY IN VIENNA AS WELL AS BY SENDING LEGAL ADVISOR FROM GENEVA.

2. HAMZA NOTED THAT ISSUES INVOLVED WERE PARTICULARLY IMPORTANT TO NEWLY FORMED STATES SUCH AS UAE. HE POINTED OUT THAT SUBJECT WAS EVEN COVERED IN UAE PROVISIONAL CONSTITUTION UNDER ARTICLE 147

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WHICH PROVIDES THAT APPLICATION OF CONSTITUTION WILL NOT AFFECT TREATIES OR AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY MEMBER EMIRATES UNLESS AMENDED OR ABROGATED BY MUTUAL CONSENT OF PARTIES INVOLVED. HAMZA AGREED THIS APPEARED TO BE GENERALLY APPROPRIATE WAY TO PROCEED BUT OBSERVED IT WAS NOT ALWAYS FAIR TO NEW STATES. HE CITED

AS EXAMPLES, NIGERIA, WHICH HAS INHERITED  
SOME TWO HUNDRED AGREEMENTS TO WHICH IT WAS  
PARTY ON BASIS OF PRE-INDEPENDENCE UK DECISIONS  
AND PAKISTAN, WHICH CLAIMED IT NOT PARTY TO  
TREATIES ENTERED INTO BY BRITISH IN NAME  
OF INDIA WHEN TWO SUBCONTINENT STATES WERE ONE  
PRIOR TO INDEPENDENCE.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY REPORTS ABOVE (A) BECAUSE  
IT IS UNUSUAL FOR UAEG TO SHOW SUCH INTEREST  
IN WHAT MIGHT BE SEEN AS SOMEWHAT ESTERIC SUBJECT,  
AND (B) SO THAT DEPT CAN PROVIDE US WITH ANY VIEWS  
ON ISSUES INVOLVED WHICH MIGHT USEFULLY BE DIS-  
CUSSED WITH UAEG PRIOR TO VIENNA MEETING. IT IS  
USUALLY WE WHO ARE EXPOUNDING OUR VIEWS ON  
VARIOUS ISSUES TO FONMINISTRY HERE. IT WOULD BE  
HELPFUL IN THIS CASE, WHERE MFA HAS VOLUNTEERED  
TO US ITS CONCERN ON SPECIFIC ISSUE, IF WE COULD  
KEEP DIALOGUE OPEN WITH STATEMENT OF OUR POSITION.  
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